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Members of the Environment Committee,

I understand that the state of Connecticut wishes to promote the wholesale raising and slaughtering of rabbits, an activity that a **very** large number of people in this country consider to be absolutely barbaric, and who consider such thing as being as contemptible as China's willingness to slaughter and eat dogs.

Rabbit owners are fiercely loyal to their pets, and will turn this into a public relations nightmare for you. I don't think that's what you want. I doubt that Connecticut wishes to be equated to China in it's callous treatment of animals that are otherwise considered to be pets. You will alienate a large number of people here in New England, who will then verbalize their extreme displeasure to a much wider national audience. Unintended consequences.

One naturally also has to wonder why this is happening at all, and who is passing money to whom behind the scenes in order to get this enacted. Hardly an unusual occurrence, unfortunately, but perhaps still interesting enough for some journalist to look into.

I implore you to do the right thing, the kind and moral thing, and do not promote this despicable practice. Rabbits don't deserve to be treated like this. Please reflect upon these words the next time you pet your cat or dog.

sincerely,

Bruce Seifried